GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:35
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2007
LOW OFF-TAKE UNDER PDS
Das Gupta Shri Gurudas

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the off-take of the wheat allocated to the States for distribution under Public Distribution System (PDS) has been very low during the year 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(b) if so, the details of the allotment and the off-take of wheat under PDS for the said period, State-wise; and

(c) the reasons for low off-take of wheat from PDS during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b) & (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 35 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 13.08.2007 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): During the year 2006-07, the offtake of wheat under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) has been 102.52 lakh tons against the allocation of 144.19 lakh tons which is 71% of the allocation made. During the year 2007-08 (upto June 07), the offtake is 24.88 lakh tons against the allocation of 30.57 lakh tons, which is 81% of the allocation made. In comparison with earlier years, the offtake during 2006-07 has been higher.

(b): The state-wise allocation and offtake of wheat under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for the year 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto June, 07) is given in the annexed statement.

(c): Different reasons may contribute to low offtake of foodgrains in various States/UTs such as local production and availability of foodgrains, resources crunch faced by States/UTs, efficiency of distribution by State Govt. agencies, local food preferences of people, etc.